The County of Centre PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 20 OF 2020

WHEREAS, the United Way Day of Caring powered by PNC began 27 years ago when retired Marine Colonel, Gerald Russell, asked community members, high school students, Penn State students, and local businesses to come together on the first Thursday in October to volunteer their time for local non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County United Way, with financial support from PNC Bank, took on the role of recruitment of volunteers and coordination of the day, fulfilling Colonel Russell's vision of a day of community service; and

WHEREAS, it takes every part of the community – individuals, business, and organizations to supply the passion, expertise, and resources needed to create lasting change for the better; and

WHEREAS, over the past 26 years, this single day of volunteer service has placed over 65,000 volunteers who completed more than 3,500 projects saving the non-profit agencies and the County over 10 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the 27th Annual United Way Day of Caring powered by PNC, in the interest of public safety, will be held as an online giving event on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Everyone in Centre County is invited to give back to our community in a way that is meaningful and support United Way by visiting Day-of-Caring.org.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of 27 years of service to the Centre County community, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 1, 2020 as a "Day of Caring" and urges all citizens to support the United Way.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September 2020.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chair

Mark Higgins, Vice- Chair

Steven G. Dershem

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray, Administrator